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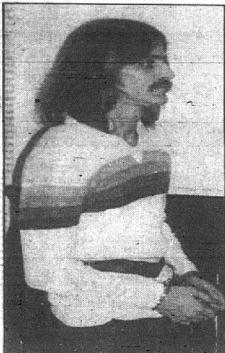
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## Girlfriend: Arnett bragged about shooting



Gene Arnett

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — Alleged highway sniper Gene Arnett's former girlfriend testified in Madison County Circuit Court on Friday that Arnett had bragged about shooting at a car the evening after he shot Scrum was killed, but she didn't believe him at first.

Victoria Cleveland, 25, Alton, testified she had met Arnett at Off Broadway, a night club in Alton, and that he had told her about the shooting as she drove the River Road to a party in Godfrey. There, she said, he repeated the story to people at the party.

A few days later, Arnett called her on the phone, Cleveland testified, while she watched a story about Scrum on the news.

"He asked me what I was doing and I told him he was a killer and he said yeah, I said I'd seen it on TV and knew it was true. He said I told you," Cleveland said.

Arnett is charged with first-degree murder in the shotgun killing of Scrum on Interstate 270 north of Granite City on Oct. 24. Cleveland's testimony came on the third day of the trial.

She testified Arnett had said that after "some guy" hit his car, he had chased after the car and pulled beside it, but the driver refused to pull over.

"He said the guy flipped him the bird (gestured), so Gene said he jumped in the back seat and blew

his windshield out," Cleveland said. Wanda and Eldon Smith, residents of the house in Godfrey, and Glen and Kethra Rhoades, who were present that night, all testified that Arnett had told them a story about "a car he blew off the road."

**'On the phone he said he never meant to kill the guy, just blow his windshield out.'**

Victoria Cleveland, Arnett's former girlfriend

his door; he didn't remember.

Wanda Smith said she and Kethra Rhoades had been at a bar and heard one of the story in which Arnett said he blew off the road," but was unsure of his exact meaning.

Kethra Rhoades testified he had said he "blown the doors off" a car and in cross examination, said she believed he meant he had shot the car never crossed his mind.

Cleveland also testified that Arnett telephoned her again a few days later to say goodbye because the police had his car at a truck stop on Illinois 3

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### Tells about 'smiley-face' letters

EDWARDSVILLE — Gene Arnett, 29, sat with his back to the courtroom crowd, his golden brown hair hanging on his shoulders.

Arnett's thin, long-sleeved sweater covered his arms and most of the blue tattoos of a dagger, a skull in a top hat, and other death symbols — the bottom of one tattoo sneaked below his left sleeve, but he still wore a mustache. While escorted to Madison Circuit Judge Philip Rarick's courtroom, Arnett also wore a thick, brown leather belt fitted with cuffs that forced his hands together at the waist, and leg irons that restricted the length of his strides.

Accused of the nationally publicized Oct. 24 highway killing of Todd Scott, 21, Granite City, and the death Oct. 23 of Nancy J. Bumgarner, 28, a housekeeper in Marion Beach, Arnett sat quietly listening to testimony Friday morning.

Among those testifying was his former girlfriend, Vicki Cleveland, 25, Alton.

A brunnette in blue jeans that looked painted on, and a halter top revealing a bare midriff, Cleveland captivated the courtroom with her testimony.

Arnett, she said, called her one night while the news of the highway murder played on television. She told the court that he bragged about shooting Scrum.

"See, I told you I did it," Cleveland said. Arnett told her. (See GIRLFRIEND, Page 6A)

## Uncertainty at Wal-Mart

By Paul Guggina  
Staff writer

Depending on which Wal-Mart secretary you talk to, Granite City's quest for a discount store of its own is either impressive, uncertain, or overwhelming.

The letter-writing campaign to attract a Wal-Mart to the downtown area is in full swing. Hundreds of letters have already been mailed to Wal-Mart headquarters in Bentonville, Ark., and Mayor Von Dee Cleveland has hand-delivered thousands more Tuesday.

Meanwhile, in Bentonville, the words "Granite City" are drawing mixed reactions.

"I hope I don't have to open all those letters," said Sam Walton's secretary, who asked to be identified only by her first name, Loretta. "Loretta said she had read many of the letters — 'He's out of town about 90 percent of the time,' she said. 'So soon as I get them I just forward them to our real estate department.'

The executive in charge of real estate and development couldn't be reached Friday. Nor could the regional development director for Illinois. His secretary referred all comments to public relations director Nancy Dunnigan.

Dunnigan couldn't be reached, either. But her assistant, who asked not to be identified, did have a statement.

"We have no interest in the Granite City area," she said.

When asked whether the thousands of Granite Cilians who are writing to Sam Walton are wasting their time, the unidentified assistant responded, "I don't know."

The secretary for the regional development director for Illinois had a different response.

"No, they're not wasting their time," said the secretary, Kathy Keith. "We don't have any immediate plans for the Granite City area, but that could change."

Keith and Wal-Mart officials hold yearly meetings to discuss potential stores. Granite City isn't in the year's plans, Keith said, but would surely be discussed in the future.

The letters will draw attention to the city, Keith said, but she

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## City repeats last year's budget, but expects new result this year

GRANITE CITY Despite having all but three departments operate under budget last year the city ran nearly a half million dollars in the red.

The budget was projected to have had a surplus of \$11,359.

There are, however, a few minor, direct differences between last year's budget and the budget approved at the City Council meeting June 7 for this year (May 1988-April 1989). The projected deficit is \$7,916.

"The deficit is not going to happen again," Mayor Von Dee Cruse said. "That's why Mac (Comptroller Kip) MacTaggart said the highest paid employee in the city, to make these things work."

The excess spent in the three accounts, \$107,509, was more than covered by the \$228,270 not spent in the lift station-sewer

maintenance account.

Since \$103,286 of the excess spending was in the street and sewer account and since it and the lift station-sewer maintenance account fall under the Street Department, the argument can be made that only two departments ran over budget — for a total of \$4,203 — the City Clerk by \$19,919 and Planning and Zoning by \$3,284.

The deficit, \$460,613, can be partially blamed on a tax from the 1988 tax levy, MacTaggart said. After the writing off of 9.3 percent as uncollectible, \$388,045 appears as projected revenue in the new budget and MacTaggart said he already has a bigger surplus than budgeted.

"I've been somewhat conservative in my estimates of revenue and been the other way on the expenditures," MacTaggart said. "Hopefully, there will be a bigger surplus than budgeted."

This year's projected surplus has already been cut at least partly again. Aldermen voted May 20 to remove some item of attorney fees that have been, and are being, incurred by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

On the average for years preceding the last one.

Last year was an exception, MacTaggart said, due in part to tax bills being sent out late and also to appeals by several large real estate holders. The levy was \$2,845,862 for both years.

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## Village cracks down on derelict cars

By Valerie Evenden  
Staff writer

PONTOON BEACH — "We have tagged 31 cars to date," Police Chief Chet Ballew reported at the June 14 Village Board meeting.

"All (tagged) cars were in the apertures areas," he said, referring to the Oakmont complex.

The department plans to extend its tagging process on selected or abandoned vehicles into other areas.

"We have about 42 vehicles on the list," Ballew said.

At least two trustees said they have others to add to the list. Village officials have received numerous complaints from residents about abandoned or junked cars.

Derelict vehicles now can be declared a public nuisance and subject to removal against the owners if the cars are not removed, states an ordinance which went into effect May 6.

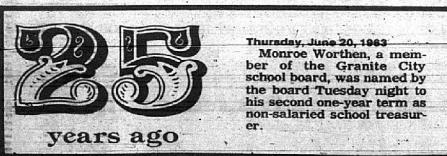
Fines and towing fees for removal of wrecked vehicles are included in the measure.

A voucherized petty cash fund to cover the police department to mail certified letters to property owners where junked cars are found was authorized at the June 14 meeting.

A seized vehicle can be redeemed by the owner prior to its sale or destruction by paying removal and advertising expenses and storage fees.

If a vehicle is not sought and the vehicle is not removed during the 30-day grace period, the police chief has the right to take possession of the junked vehicle and remove it from the property.

Notice must be sent to the responsible owner and the property owner about the vehicle's impounding and storing.



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**Happy FATHER'S DAY**

## Madison County Board votes down health department

**EDWARDSVILLE** — The Madison County Board on June 15 voted 20-6 not to establish a countywide health department.

Board Member Harold Byers proposed that the county — which at present has still without a health department — establish the department.

A second proposal, offered by Board Member Richard Worthen, would have required the County Board to review the health department every three

years. It lost 19-7, with Fred Dalton switching his no vote to yes.

Board member Don Garrett of Madison said the board showed a lack of compassion for children and families who might benefit from a health department.

"No issue is more important to the citizens of this county than a health department," Garrett said.

Opponents of the health

department have argued that the services already are provided by private agencies in the county.

"We will politicize health care if we approve either resolution. We do not need this," said Board Member Worthen, a Democratic nominee for state's attorney.

"Let the agencies which do the work do it without interference from government," he urged.

Board Member Robert Stille,

Edwardsville Township supervi-

sor, who also opposes creation of a health department, has circulated petitions to have the issue placed on the Nov. 8 ballot as a referendum.

He said 500 people had signed the petition in the past 10 days. That total needs 6,600 signatures before the issue would be put on the ballot.

Stille said 44 counties of the 102 in Illinois created a health department by referendum and 33 by county ordinance.

A new health department would have assumed jurisdiction over the county tuberculosis pro-

gram. been supported by a tax rate of up to 2.5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

The health department would have had an appointed board of eight members. The tuberculosis board would have been abolished.

Stille said, "The only thing we don't have now that a health department would provide is food inspections."

The department would have

Byers told the board a health department would have cost \$633,000 in its first year but that the money could have come from the state government. He said he thinks the proposal now is dead, adding, "I don't even expect it to get on the ballot."



**VOLUNTEERS** from the United Way allocations committee are shown visiting Catholic Charities in Granite City for a study and review of its programs and services.

## VP fireworks will be best yet, organizers say

Organizers of the VP Fair expect this year's fireworks spectaculars, scheduled to close each day Saturday, July 2, 3 and 4, to be the most dazzling in the history of the fair.

The fireworks Saturday, July 2, and Sunday, July 3, will be accompanied by choreographed music broadcast over speakers located below and at the top of the steps of the Gateway Arch. A spectacular fireworks finale will close the fair on Monday, July 4, featuring 23 scenes shot from four different firing sites.

For the third year each evening's show will be sponsored by the Suburban Journals.

Ken Marshall, VP Fair fireworks chairman, says this year's productions will top the widely-praised displays of previous fairs.

"Because we're using different producers on various nights, each show should have a look and style all its own," Marshall said.

The July 2 fireworks display will begin at 10:30 p.m. following an ABC-TV television special, "The Story of the Olympics," which will include the "Olympic Torch" relay by John Williams and will feature a wide variety of colors and styles. It will be the first of 14 scenes choreographed to music.

Scenes to be set against the James Bond theme music and will be highlighted by unusual purple colors bursting from candles into stars as soft lights dot the sky.

An "Ariane" night will be a finale scene showcasing a series of exploding shells while accompanied by Latin music.

An "Over the Rainbow" scene will feature large candles and shells with tails that will form a rainbow over the Mississippi River to "Tunnel of Love" by Bruce Springsteen.

The fireworks show July 3 will start at 9:30 p.m. and feature traditional patriotic music. This show will contain 14 different scenes including an opening fan-

fare and traditional finale.

Highlights will be a "Golden Comet" scene featuring golden-colored shells with tails, changing to red and blue in a final pleasing scene from last year will be repeated as a silver balloon of long-tailed shells arches into the riverfront sky before transforming itself into a scene of palm trees.

Monday's fireworks finale will begin at 9:30 p.m. with rockets being fired from four sites: barges floating on the river center, the Gateway Arch, and three locations on the east riverbank. The opening scene will include a barrage of 206 shells fired from all four locations.

Other scene highlights will be "Golden Tails," with special large "Chrysanthemum" shells with rainbow tails; the special "Sky Spider" scene, featuring gold and white spider web shells breaking over the river; and climbing pillars, a perennial crowd favorite consisting of

long, vertical, gold-tailed shells with a colored shell bursting on top.

The grand finale will feature shells never before seen in St. Louis for the past four years. Entitled "The Grand Illusion," the spectacular will include more than 1,000 shells guaranteed to light up the St. Louis skyline from the Eads Bridge to the Poplar Street Bridge.

Rozzi of Cincinnati will produce the fireworks shows July 2 and 3. Russell Fireworks of St. Louis will produce the fair's finale July 4.

Because musical accompaniment has been such a popular component of recent VP Fairs, KMOX Radio will broadcast the July 2 show so that spectators not situated near the loudspeakers on the Arch grounds can enjoy the music.

VP Fair organizers expect between 750,000 and one million spectators to view this year's fireworks displays.

## Surplus food will be distributed Wednesday and Thursday

Officials in Chouteau, Nameoki and Vandalia townships and at the Salvation Army have announced that surplus government commodities will be distributed this month.

Distribution dates are June 22 or 23, depending on the township officials said. Chouteau Township, which held a distribution last week, has more commodities now available.

Commodities will include powdered eggs, rice, butter, dry milk, honey, cornmeal and flour. The rice, dry milk, honey, cornmeal and flour are all in short supply and persons will be asked to take their choice of one.

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Chouteau Township officials, who have not yet picked up their June allotments may do so Wednesday or Thursday, June 22 and 23. All products will be given out on a first come, first served basis, with persons given out on a first-come



**LEADERSHIP PROGRAM** attracted 16 Granite City teenagers June 7. The program was designed to provide them with information about their school and community carry out. A receptive help them abilities for the pre-teens age group. From left to right are, front row, Gerald Slattery, Nikki Keeton, Kim Hammers and Eric Miles; second row, Nicole Zelenka, Kyle Braundmeier, Carlie Smith and Misty Reagan; third row, Lori Harris, Catherine Alexander, Mindy Stephens and Erika Wheatley; Jenny Rudy. Unable to be in the picture was Mrs. Joanne Terrell, a Granite City School Board member. The event was sponsored by Piasa Health Care in cooperation with Harry A. Briggs Jr., Madison County regional superintendent of schools, InTouch and the Region 16 Educational Service Center.

## Reception for Gaffner

State Sen. Frank Watson and State Rep. Ron Stephens held a PAC (political action committee) reception for Congressional candidate Robert Gaffner June 17 at the Springfield Ramada Inn. Gaffner said, "I'm pleased

by the strong support we're receiving from our elected officials. It's good to know that people like Frank and Ron are solidly behind my candidacy, particularly in areas such as fund-raising."

## Interchange to close Monday

The Illinois Department of Transportation has announced plans to close the Illinois 5-188 interchange will be closed during daytime hours in order to remove and replace deteriorated portions of the pavement.

A detour has been set up which utilizes the ramp leading to the northeast corner of the interchange. The ramps will be opened for nighttime traffic.

The restriction is scheduled for June 20 to approximately July 2.

The purpose of this project is to increase the safety and durability of this section of road by repairing damaged sections of pavement.

Motorists are advised to exercise caution while traveling through the construction zone.

## Park district plans 3-day trip to Kentucky

The Granite City Park District will sponsor the third three-day trip of the season on July 22, 23 and 24 when the horse country of Louisville and Lexington, Ky., will be visited.

The group will leave early Friday, July 22, and be in Louisville in time to tour the Louisville Slugger baseball bat factory and the Phillip Morris cigarette factory. An ice cream stop will be made on the way.

Participants will stay at the Galt House on the river for the third day visit. The group will be officially greeted by a hotel representative and a coffee farewell also will be provided.

Early Saturday, the bus will depart for Lexington and a visit

at the Horse Park, where admission includes a walking farm tour, International Museum of the Horse, Parade of Breeds and breeding areas, with a free park shuttle service.

Lunch will be served at the Horse Park before journeying to Shaker Village, Pleasant Hill.

Upon the return to the Louisville area, dinner will be served at the Claudia Sanders Restaurant, Shelbyville, where fried chicken will be the entree along with light vegetables, a salad and beverage. Claudia Sanders is the widow of Col. Harland Sanders, founder of the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant chain.

Saturday evening is the leisure time for the travelers.

After the group checks out at the Galt House Hotel on Sunday, July 24, a guide will conduct a tour of Louisville, ending at the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs. Visitors may walk around the paddock or the dock area of the track and the resident thoroughbred area, with a stop at the museum and gift shop.

Sunday lunch will be a buffet brunch at Masterson's Restaurant, located across the street from Louisville campus.

The cost of the trip includes the bus fare, hotel fee, entrance to the Horse Farm, the Shaker Village tour, the meal at Claudia Sanders' Restaurant, brunch at Masterson's, the tour of Louis-

ville and the tour of Churchill Downs.

For a single room, the charge is \$153.29; two to a room, \$131.39 each; three to a room, \$13.64 each; and four to a room, \$105.90.

The entire amount must be paid upon making reservations, which will be accepted starting at 6 a.m. Wednesday, June 22.

Proof of residence in the park district must be presented for each person and no one can make more than four reservations.

Non-residents wishing to make the trip will be placed on a waiting list.

For information, call the Wilson Park office at 877-3059.

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## Gasper urges parents to attend Venice PTA meetings, functions

VENICE — Parents in the district appear to be apathetic when it comes to PTA meetings, Board of Education President Wilbert Glasper said June 9.

Gasper said attendance at the meetings by PTA functions is continually poor.

"We still can't get parents to come out to the PTA," Glasper said. "We need more parent participation. I don't know how we can get them to come out."

Gasper said a recent PTA function drew only a handful of parents.

"We had an adult sex course designed to teach how parents

can handle the topic of sex with their kids, and there were only about six adults there," he said.

Grade School Principal Seth Kirkpatrick said the PTA has offered incentives to attract parents, such as giving a reward to children who attend the meetings, but Glasper said the few parents who already attend the meetings would end up with all the awards.

"We had to stop doing it because the same parents kept showing up over and over again."

Kirkpatrick said parents are always invited to the meetings, but rarely show up.

"We've tried verbal contact, letters, calling them, and they

say, 'We'll be there,' but they never show up," he said. "We just don't know what else to do."

Superintendent Charles McCaskill suggested giving awards to parents who attend the meetings, but Glasper said the few parents who already attend the meetings would end up with all the awards.

"The question is, how do we go about attracting those parents who have never been to a meeting?" Glasper said. "We always see those people we don't need to see."

## Menus

### Senior Citizens

Monday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, chef salad, french bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday - Ham and cheese sandwich, baked beans, pickle spears, fresh fruit, ice cream treat.

Wednesday - Cube steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, sliced pears.

Thursday - Roast pork, scalloped potatoes, chef salad, apple sauce.

Friday - Meat loaf, rice pilaf, green beans, pineapple.

## Calendar

"Wianki," the Festival of Wreaths, will be celebrated Sunday, June 26, from noon to 8 p.m. in Kiener Plaza, Seventh and Market streets, St. Louis.

The old Slavic tradition is being revived by the Polish-American Cultural Society of Metropolitan St. Louis.

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PONTOON BEACH — Five streets in the village will be resurfaced with Motor Fuel Tax funds, it was decided at the June 14 Board of Trustees' meeting.

Scheduled for oiling and chipping work are Oakridge Drive and Luehmann and Berglan lanes, all located off Illinois 162, and Nicholas and Nelson drives, off Park Lane.

A supplemental street maintenance resolution authorizing \$10,573 in MFT funds to pay for the work was adopted by the board.

The maintenance job will be performed by Nameoki Township's highway department when the schedule its own oil and chip road projects, May or Glen Wilson said.

The Madison County Sanitary Sewer District also is planning

to replace some sewer lines on Iris Avenue in Quiet Valley Subdivision, Gene Futch, district superintendent, told the board.

The project will take place June 20. Installing the new line will take several hours and affect six houses, Futch said.

The village is repurchasing an acre of land from the county sewer district. A temporary office was located on the site until the district constructed a

permanent structure in Mitchell.

The property fronts the east side of the 4100 block of Illinois 111 and is being re-acquired at the original selling price of \$14,500.

An initial down payment of \$5,000 in March will be followed by a second payment of \$5,000 this month, Village Clerk Mary Warren said. The third and final payment of \$4,500 will be made in June 1989.

## Fire damages historic home in Mitchell; arsonist blamed

Arsonists set a fire that heavily damaged one of the oldest homes in Mitchell, June 14. Fire Chief Lee Paul said.

The home in the 700 block of Old Alton Road is at least 100 years old, and ownership of the property has been traced to a land grant issued by President James Monroe between 1816 and 1824, owner Al Pritchett said.

Mitchell firefighters got the call at 11:45 p.m. Saturday.

He said fire investigators found a leafy stick placed where something had been poured in the house and lighted by an intruder. Tests are being con-

ducted to determine what that substance was, he said.

"Some of the areas just burned themselves out, but the ones near the kitchen caught fire," Paul said.

The home, which Pritchett said he had been trying to sell, was vacant except for a dog.

The dog escaped the flames through a "doggie door," Paul said.

Pritchett said the home had once been an area showcase because of its Princess Anne exterior.

"It was a beautiful home. It had fancy wooden window panes and wooden animals all

around it, at one time," Pritchett said.

He said the house could be rebuilt, and he hopes someone interested in home rehabilitation will buy the home.

"It's got some beautiful old woodwork. I don't think the living room was damaged, other than smoke, and that can be cleaned," Pritchett said.

The house was once part of a 5½-acre dairy farm, Pritchett said.

Paul said the extent of the damage had not been determined.

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## Studying

**FINALS WEEK.** — Students at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale studied around-the-clock to get ready for final exams. These engineering students were hitting the books before a final in engineering economics. From left are Walter Hefner, a junior in mechanical engineering from 4824 Warrick Ave., Granite City, and Denise Horton, from Alton. Hefner is the son of Lloyd and Ruby Hefner. School ended May 14.

## SEMC owners elect Superior

In an election held by the Sisters of Divine Providence, owners of St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, Sr. Stephanie Tuncius was elected House Superior for the next three years and Sr. Mary Louise Moser will be her assistant.

"We will be responsible for carrying out the decisions made by the convent. Sr. Stephanie set out specific guidelines and coordinate activities in which the sisters participate. We will also be responsible for keeping a line of communication open with the Motherhouse," which is in Novato, Mo.

"It was a real privilege to serve," said Sr. Mary Louise. "I'm very pleased, but (the position) carries a lot of responsibility with it."

## Bar Association elects officers

**GRANITE CITY** — The Madison County Bar Association has elected Thomas A. Hill as its president, Terrence V. O'Leary vice president, Duane L. Bailey secretary and Mary E. Massa treasurer.

The County Bar is a professional association of 225 attorneys who live or practice in Madison County.

Hill practices law in Highland. A cum laude graduate of the John Marshall Law School (1975) and an engineering graduate of the University of Illinois (1970), he is a former member of the Tri-City Bar Association and a member of the Illinois State and American bar associations, as well as the Trial Lawyers Association of America and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Hill resides in Highland with his wife, Bonnie, and their four children.

O'Leary practices law in Granite City with the firm of Morris B. Chapman & Associates Ltd. He is a graduate of St. Louis University and St. Louis University Law School.

O'Leary is a member of the Illinois, Missouri, Metropolitan St. Louis and American bar associations, the Illinois and Missouri trial lawyers associations, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the American Judicature Society.

Bailey is currently director of student legal services at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He formerly served as assistant Madison County state's attorney. A graduate of Northwestern Law School and Illinois State University, he is a member of the Illinois Bar.

Massa is associated with the Alton law firm of Thomas, Motz, Eastman and Sheppard. She is a graduate of Southern Illinois University. Her professional affiliations include the Illinois, American and Alton-Wood River bar associations.

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## Bi-State approves non-transit operating budgets totaling \$3.2 million

The Bi-State Development Agency board at its June 10 meeting approved non-transit operating budgets totaling \$3,221,081, with revenues of \$5,331,165 anticipated for fiscal year 1989, which begins July 1, 1988. This projects total operating income before depreciation of \$2,110,084.

The non-transit division of Bi-State include the Gateway Arch Transportation System, St. Louis Downtown Parks, Airport at

Cahokia, the Arch Parking Garage and the "Agency," which combines the Executive Office, Port Development and Special Projects.

Funding for the various activities is separate from Bi-State

Transit sources of revenues, and each entity is self-supporting. The non-transit budgets are: Arch tram, \$1,357,396; Airport, \$440,389; Arch garage, \$472,154; Agency, \$950,633.

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# Mondale urges reform of primary selection process

**WASHINGTON** — Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale, saying the presidential primary selection process "cried out for reform," told a Senate panel June 7 that Congress should establish regional primaries to curb the influence of Iowa and New Hampshire voters.

"The people of Iowa and New Hampshire enjoy an influence far disproportionate to their numbers," the Minnesota Democrat told the Senate Rules Committee. "It does not reflect that parties can reform the system sufficiently by themselves, and thus legislation is needed."

Mondale, testifying on Capitol Hill for the first time since leav-

ing office in 1981, urged the committee to support a regional primary law being proposed by Illinois Democratic Sen. Alan Dixon.

The bill was introduced last October and since then has picked up political support from senators such as Mondale, the 1984 Democratic presidential nominee; Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore.; and Sen. John Breaux, D-La., Dixon said.

"I suspect the bill would have a good chance in the Senate. I don't know about the whole Congress," Dixon said after testifying with Mondale.

Both Mondale and Dixon said Iowa and New Hampshire voters

play too big a role in the nominating process because they go to the polls before the rest of the country and, for that reason alone, attract excessive media attention.

"Together, these states only account for 2 percent of this country's total population. Yet, the impact of a vote cast in these states greatly outweighs the impact of votes cast in the other 98 percent of the country," Dixon said.

Saying the Iowa and New Hampshire examples, other states have begun to hold their primaries as early as possible in the presidential election year, the most notable example being

the March 8 Super Tuesday primary, Dixon said.

"Over 30 states now hold their primaries before the end of March." Dixon said. "The states are crowding their primary dates closer and closer together. The system is becoming increasingly frontloaded."

Dixon's bill would create six multistate regions and give the Federal Election Commission power to select by lot the region to hold the first primary. The remaining primary dates would be picked in similar random fashion.

Although a state could decline to participate, no state could break from the region and hold

a primary on a separate date. The Justice Department could bring civil action against wayward states, Dixon said.

The regional primaries would be stretched out over a 12-week period, beginning on the last Tuesday in March and ending on the second Tuesday in June.

Lawmakers said the bill would ban crossover voting — the practice in some states where Republicans can vote in a Democratic primary, or vice versa.

Under Dixon's bill, Illinois

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## Police

### Granite City police

**Mishap on Nameoki Road**  
Doris S. Birks, Bettendorf and a passenger in her car, Robert Kirkpatrick, 3 Violet Ave., Pontoon Beach, were injured and went to St. Elizabeth Medical Center to be examined after their northbound car was struck from the rear while stopped at a red traffic light on Nameoki Road at Johnson Road at 1:25 a.m. June 11.

### Madison police

**Boy takes woman's dog**  
A 15-year-old Venice boy allegedly stole a dog he found on April 18, 1603 Fourth St., and rode off on a bicycle with it. The officer who responded to the call knew the residence of a juvenile suspected of stealing other dogs, ostensibly for sale at an animal laboratory.

The officer drove to the 500 block of Meridian Street, Venice, saw the suspect with the dog, named Spot, and arrested him with the help of a Venice officer. The boy was charged with theft under \$300 value.

**Woman in red rob trucks**

Trucker Jeffrey A. Tisell told police \$440 was stolen at 1 a.m. June 10 from the console of his truck at Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza. A woman in red shorts was seen in the cab, and after leaving the scene, a car also fled.

Bay Duffy, a trucker from Georgia, said that on June 7, also at Gateway, another woman wearing red shorts but fitting a slightly different description had asked to

use his truck's citizen band radio. She then grabbed his wallet containing \$120 and fled.

#### City van vandalized

Somebody slashed two tires of a City of Madison Alarm Division van at about 1:10 a.m. June 13 while the van was parked at 1529 Third St. near the police station.

#### Warrant arrest made

Jimmy Carl Peters, 36, Cahokia, was arrested June 13 in the 400 block of McCambridge Avenue on a Collinsville warrant alleging contempt of court. The original charge was for a traffic violation.

#### Refund in mailbox stolen

Brian Papa, 1802 Fourth St., told police somebody stole his income tax refund check from his mailbox May 31 or June 1. The Internal Revenue Service regional staff in Kankakee, Ill., said Papa had tried unsuccessfully to cash the check at the Madison Currency Exchange, 2127 Edwardsville Road.

**Rifles, shotguns stolen**

Michael H. Schwaberg, 20, Muncie, Ind., was seen by police the evening of June 4 for peace disturbance when he allegedly stood outside 222 Washington Ave., harassing the occupant.

Released the next morning, he was told by police to stay away from the address; he was arrested again shortly after midnight June 6 at the same address and was charged with disobeying a police officer.

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#### Fishing and hunting licenses

Parents will be responsible for their own children. All parents will be required to ride the bus with their children. No children will be allowed to attend the trip unless an adult will accept responsibility. The bus fare for each child will be \$80 for those up to 18 years old. Those older will pay double.

Fees will be: two adults in a room, \$132.50 each; one adult and one child, \$235; and one adult and two children, \$315.

For those driving on their own, the motel cost for the trip will be \$11.

For more information, please contact Charles Collins, 451-2134; Janice Franklin, 451-2110; Anna Brinkley, 877-2729; or Sandra Williams, 451-9122.

The bus will leave from the church about 12:30 a.m. Friday, July 29, and arrive in Houston at 5 p.m. Participants will stay in hotels for four nights and five days at the Houston East Best Western Motel, about 12 miles from downtown Houston.

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#### Driver, passenger hurt

Anton E. Horning, 29, of Walter Ave., and a passenger in her Dodge, Douglas, 22, 900 Greenwood St., Madison, sustained minor injuries June 10 when Lindsay's car was struck from the rear while she was waiting to turn onto Illinois 162 from Maryville Road.

Driver of the second car was Howard E. Colp, 67, 4742 Vincent Ave.

#### Revoked license alleged

James E. Harvey, 33, 1212 Rhodes St., was arrested last week for allegedly driving on a revoked Missouri driver license.

#### Arrested twice at scene

Joseph W. Baker, 20, 1713 Rhodes St., was arrested the evening of June 4 for peace disturbance when he allegedly stood outside 222 Washington Ave., harassing the occupant.

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#### Boys beat sleeping man

Dennis A. Lakin, 28, told police he was kicked and punched by up to eight juveniles in a field near his residence at 1661 Third St. at about 1:30 a.m. July 21. He said he had been working at his residence and had lain down and fallen asleep in the field when he was awakened by the group of teen-age boys and girls who were chasing his dog across the field. Lakin was kicked and hit in the head, face and back and was taken to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center.

#### Rifles, shotguns stolen

David A. Williams, 1009 Madison, told police someone entered the back door of his residence and took six rifles, a revolver and two shotguns in the afternoon of June 4.

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#### Motorcyclist injured

Edward P. Horning, 29, Washington Park, was injured at 9 p.m. June 11 when his westbound motorcycle struck the median on Illinois 255 near the Interstate 255 interchange.

Hoflinger, who suffered a head injury, was taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center and later was transferred to St. Louis University Hospitals, St. Louis.

All Madison School District kindergarteners, fifth and new students to the district must turn in a completed physical examination and updated immunizations the first day of school, August 24, 1988.

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## Program reduces heart attack risks

Participants in the Out-Patient Cardiac Rehabilitation (OPCR) program here believe their health outlook has improved.

Thirty-six were included in a subjective survey regarding risk factors for heart disease and the benefits of exercise.

The St. Elizabeth Medical Center cardiac patients were asked to assess the risk factors they had when they started the program, the factors they have current, and whether participation in OPCR has helped to assist and improve their lifestyle changes.

Results of the survey indicated many of the risk factors related to heart disease have been eliminated or reduced since starting in OPCR.

Smoking, one of the leading risk factors for heart disease, has been reduced by 41 percent. At the start of the program, 61 percent of the participants smoke. Of those who have quit smoking, 41 percent feel that participation in the OPCR program has been instrumental in the decision to stop smoking.

Inability to handle stress was a risk factor in 75 percent of the patients prior to treatment in OPCR. Although 69 percent of the patients have reduced their stress themselves as being under significant stress, 93 percent feel they are better equipped to cope with that stress as a result of

their involvement in the stress management portion of OPCR.

The survey indicated 76 percent of the cardiac patients feel the OPCR has increased their overall exercising habits. Lack of exercise was a risk factor in 82 percent upon beginning the OPCR program and now it is a factor only among 8 percent.

While diabetes will not be eliminated by exercising, 67 percent who have diabetes feel that their participation in the program has helped to keep their diabetes under better control.

The risk factor of high blood pressure (hypertension) is now only present among 60 percent of the cardiac rehabilitation patients, having been reduced by 99 percent.

Increased muscular strength and endurance, and increased flexibility of the joints, 89 percent.

Increased stamina, so you can do more and not tire so easily, 89 percent.

Improved self image and self confidence, 75 percent.

Increased quality of life with increased enthusiasm and optimism, 75 percent.

Decreased anxiety, released tension, and better relaxation and sleep habits, 61 percent.

Decreased resting pulse and blood pressure, 53 percent.

Burned more calories — suppressed appetite — weight loss, 47 percent.

Decreased triglyceride and cholesterol levels, 42 percent.

Decreased clotting tendencies of the blood, 42 percent.

Reduced time that was once used for smoking, drinking, over-eating or over-working, 36 percent.

have helped them reduce or eliminate diet as a risk factor.

In the second part of the survey, participants listed the benefits of exercise that they had experienced since beginning the OPCR program.

The percent of patients who claimed they had experienced each benefit included:

Increased energy that makes you feel better, 92 percent.

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## Taxes on municipal bonds could increase some government costs

By Buck Collier  
State Journal

Some state and local government officials are warning that a U.S. Supreme Court decision could trigger a tax on government-issued bonds, lead to those bonds being forced to offer higher interest rates, and result in higher costs for some government services.

In a ruling in late April that was largely unnoticed, the Supreme Court said that government-issued bonds, commonly referred to as "municipal bonds," must be "registered" and are subject to federal taxes.

A registered bond is one that is listed with a financial institution, showing the holder and the amount of interest paid to the holder.

House Speaker Bob Griffin, D-Canton, said the ruling, as it relates to interest taxation, reversed a 90-year-old precedent in which the federal government took a hands-off approach to interest earned on the bonds.

"It was no big deal," said the spokesman. "We had assumed all along that the interest was tax-free." Griffin said the ruling merely clarified that it was hardly the starting gun in the Oklahoma land rush on municipal bonds."

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"We'll have to raise revenue in order to do something about the (federal) deficit," he said. "It's conceivable that it could involve municipal bonds."

The bonds are sold by local governments to generate revenue for specific projects, such as highway and bridge construction, new buildings, and sewer projects.

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costs of the essential state and local services that these bonds finance."

The argument is that if the interest is taxed, the interest rates will be higher.

But a spokesman for U.S. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Chicago, who is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the tax-writing arm of Congress,

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part of a \$95-million capital improvements bond package. "One of the reasons we got a low interest rate (to be paid to a tax-free) is because they are tax-free," said John Lucks, the county's director of administration.

Lucks said county officials are studying the potential effect of the ruling. So, too, are state officials.

We are aware of it and we're looking at it," said John Pelzer, the state's commissioner of administration.

Gary Markenson, executive director of the Missouri Municipal League, which represents cities statewide, agreed with Rostenkowski's idea that no action on bond interest rates is imminent. "It's not a crisis by any means, but it's certainly something we need to watch," Markenson said.

Markenson also agreed with Griffin that the court's extended its reach in this case. "The court went way out of its way to say that Congress can do anything it wants to do to cities," he said.

Griffin vowed to try and protect the attractiveness of local government bonds. "I intend to work hard to convince Congress not to tax state and local bonds," he said.

## •Testimony

### Girlfriend testifies in Arnett trial

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at Interstate 270 and were going to connect the paint on his car to the Scrum car. The vehicles are said to have sideswiped.

Then on Nov. 5, she met Arnett and took him to the truck stop where she said she went in and asked about Arnett's car, but the person she asked didn't know anything about it.

When she told Arnett, "He said he was going to steal his car," Cleveland said.

In cross examination, Cleveland said Arnett had never said he had tried to kill Scrum.

"On the phone he said he never meant to kill the guy, just blow his windshield out," she said.

Arnett's attorney, John Rekowski, agreed to stipulate for the record that Assistant State's Attorney Robert Trone's exhibit 24A was a letter written by Arnett to Glen Rhoades in Arnett's handwriting.

Earlier, Cleveland testified she recognized it was Arnett's handwriting.

writing and Rhoades testified that it was the letter he had received.

The letter, mailed to Smith's house in late January, was given by Glen Rhoades to his attorney, Ben Allen. Rhoades read a portion of the letter to the stand: "Has someone tell me the stand: Vicki that I'll have someone snatch her kid Nichole if she tries against me...." The letter, profanity, went on to say that he, Arnett, knew where the child attended school and that the threat was real.

The stipulation by Rekowski meant Trone did not need to call witnesses establishing the validity of the letter, and led to an early adjournment Friday.

Prosecutor testimony will resume Monday morning.

Rekowski said in his opening statement that Arnett was going to be tied to unlawful acts, but told the jury that there was a difference between shooting and murder. Arnett didn't intend the result that occurred, then he was not guilty.

In cross examination, Rekowski continually asked the wit-

nesses Friday if Arnett had told them he intended to kill anyone. All said no.

Testimony prior to Friday had centered around connecting Arnett to a shotgun allegedly stolen from his brother John — a gun that belonged to his father Jim — and establishing that paint on Arnett's car matched that on Scrum's.

John Arnett testified that Gene had admitted stealing the shotgun.

Rhoades testified Friday he had seen Arnett in possession of a sawed-off shotgun.

Police have not located the weapon.

## Clarification

At the June 1 hearing for Granite City Patrolman Scott Jenkins, Jenkins' attorney, Greg Becker, gave an opportunity to Arnett in his case before the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, but was asked by the board to limit his remarks to Jenkins' case.

He was an active bowler and a member of Granite City Eagles Aerie 1126.

Among the survivors are his wife, Mrs. Margaret (Wheeler) Hull; two sons, Charles and Ronald Hull; both of Granite City; a daughter, Mrs. Ronald (Kathleen) Schlebo, Granite City; two sisters, Hazel Lambert, Granite City, and Grace Gilbert, West Palm Beach, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation starts at 4 p.m. today (Sunday) at Irwin Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave. Services are pending on Monday. Friends may call 877-6500. Burial will be at Sunnyside Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville. Memorial Mass will be at Belleview Area College PSOF are suggested.

**Hull**

Norma June (Wiser) Hull, 54, 2627 Washington Ave., was pronounced dead at her home at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16, 1988. She

had been ill for six months and was a hospice patient.

Mrs. Hull was born Sept. 5, 1933, in Gillespie, Ill., and had lived in Granite City for 45 years. She had been employed as a file clerk for 12 years at Mercantile Bank, St. Louis, and was a member of Calvary Pentecostal Church.

In 1954 she married Charles Hull Sr., who survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Charles Hull Jr. and Barry Hull; both of Granite City; three daughters, Mrs. Kevin (Melinda) Wester, Alton, and Mrs. Charles (Sue) Hildreth, both of Granite City; three brothers, Leonard Wiser, Hartford, Ill.; Robert Wiser, Montgomery City, Mo.; Stanley Wiser, Madison, Herbert Wiser, Mitchell, Raymond Wiser, Potosi, Mo.; and William Wiser, Granite City; five sisters, Mrs. Allen Hull, Mrs. Milford (Mary) Cook, Mrs. Don (Ruby) Thomas and Mrs. Darrell (Martha) Kratzler, all of Granite City, and Mrs. Gary (Ruth) Gann, Kunkel, Ill., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at Calvary Pentecostal Church with the Rev. Harold Maynard officiating. Burial was at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, Belleville. Thomas Memorial Mass will be at 2208 Pontoon Road, handled by the funeral director.

Memorials may be made to Hospice or Calvary Pentecostal Church.

She is survived by one daughter, three sons, one brother and three sisters, including a sister, Vera

and a half-sister.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 9

a.m. Monday at Davis Funeral Home, 21st Street and Cleveland Boulevard, The Rev. Nerves Main.

## Johnson Road fire attracts sightseers

### •Girlfriend

#### Tells of 'smiley-face' letters

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Cleveland's testimony drew no reaction from Arnett, and he remained impassive as she revisited another aspect of his

personality. She said that from 1984 to 1988, Arnett had written to her more than 200 times.

Distinctive in the writing of the man accused of two killings was, Cleveland said, that instead of putting a period at the end of a sentence, he uses a 'smiley face.'

## •Wal-Mart

### Reaction to letters mixed at headquarters

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Wal-Mart's letter-writing campaign rather than letters might have been a better idea.

"We get a lot of petitions," she said. "A petition is more effective than a letter-writing campaign. Once you get so many letters, they lose their effectiveness. It gets a little overwhelming."

Keith estimated the number of letters already received in Bentonville at about a thousand.

He was a 30-year veteran of service in the United States Air Force.

Among the local survivors is a daughter, Kelly Martin, Granite City.

Arrangements are pending at

Chapel of Memories, 2901 Madison Ave., Friends will call 877-6500 for details. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington. Memorials may be made to the Association for Protection of Animals Shelter (APA), P.O. Box 1311, Granite City.

Nighohossian was born in Granite City, Ill., and was a lifelong resident. He was a bartender at Sammy's Tavern, a family business in Granite City. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Julie Ann Nighohossian, Granite City; parents, Samuel and Ann Nighohossian, Granite City; and five brothers, Casper, Sarkis, Haig, Leo and Gregory Nighohossian, all of Granite City.

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didn't intend to dump a whole lot of letters on them like that."

Ortbals said the letters, which he hopes will total 15,000, were to be delivered all at once, in person.

He is driving to Bentonville with Cruse on Wednesday.

Ortbals said he and the mayor have a 3 p.m. appointment with someone from Wal-Mart, but he is not sure who.

"We haven't had any contact with Wal-Mart directly," he said. "We've been dealing with Eisenberg (& Co. Realtors of St. Louis). They've passed along all the information for us."

No one at Eisenberg could be reached Friday.

## Williams

Georgina V. (Clark) Williams, 72, Arcadia, Mo., died at 1:30 a.m. Friday, June 17, 1988, at St. Mary's Health Center, Richmond Heights, Mo., where she was a patient one day.

Mrs. Williams was born in Decatur, Ill. She was the Methodist faith.

Arrangements are pending at

Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Friends may call 876-4321 for details.

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## Sports

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## Triplets stay unbeaten with wins over Alton, Belleville

By Dave Whaley  
Executive sports editor

ALTON Both coaches were second-guessing themselves after Thursday's District 22 matchup between Granite City and Alton.

Fortunately for Triplet fans, Ralph Burnett survived his mistake while Alton manager Jay Eckhouse fell he cost his team a win.

The Triplets, in sole possession of first place in the North Division, edged Alton 6-5 at Gordon Moore Park in a battle of unbeaten teams. Granite City remained unbeaten with an 8-4 win at Belleville on Friday. John VanBuskirk and John Moad had the hits for the winners, and Darin Hendrickson each drove in two runs. The Triplets trailed 2-0 after one inning, but came from behind for the fourth straight night. They scored four in the fifth and two more in the eighth. Hendrickson went all the way, allowing two earned runs and seven hits. He fanned six and walked three. Granite City had 12 hits.

Burnett said his mistake



KURT HODGES gets a good rip at a pitch during Thursday's game at Alton.

(Staff photo by Dave Whaley)

his curve was working better tonight. We started everyone off with a curve in the last inning. That last ball wasn't hit quite as good as everyone thought it was."

Wild pitches, passed balls and errors hurt Alton at critical times.

"Eric Decker (of Wood River High School) hasn't caught good."

Eckhouse said. "It's tough to get used to pitchers. We just made mistakes at critical times. And then the reliever tied us up pretty good."

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Kory Burton, playing his first game of the summer, reached on a single in the third and was bunted to second by Chip Lignoul. With lefty Tony Stoecklin pitching, Burton came around on a passed ball by catcher Eric Decker and Stoecklin's wild pitch.

For Eckhouse, he felt his mistake was not in leaving his start too long, but in taking him out too early. Like Milligan who pitched a one-hitter against

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"The kids didn't lose this game," said Eckhouse in his first year as a helmsman for Post 126. "We had a game plan to pitch Milligan for three or four innings. But maybe we should

have stuck with him longer. I just feel we might have been overcoached."

"With all the extra-base hits we had (seven), we should have had more than five runs."

All seven of Alton's hits went for extra bases.

It was a seesaw game, fun for the fans to watch. Alton scored first when Dan Stephan walked in the first and came around on a stolen base, an infield out and a wild pitch. The Triplets got two base in the third on a single by Jim Harris, a Laboray walk, VanBuskirk's double, Hendrickson's infield out and Joe Wallace's RBI single.

VanBuskirk replied with two in its third on a triple, Montgomery's double and Craig Henrich's homer for a 3-2 lead. Post 126 added another in the fourth on Decker's triple and Ron Shoff's solo home run.

Milligan allowed only two hits (both by VanBuskirk) in his four innings. But Goodman, a lefty from Wood River, the Warriors' ace, had two during the high school season, had control problems in the fifth.

With one out, he walked Laboray and hit VanBuskirk. Once again, he scored when Montgomery misplayed the ball. Henrich scored on a wild pitch and Wallace scored when Moad, batting righthanded, again beat the ball. The lefthanded pitching singled to left.

Krausz escaped trouble in the sixth when he got Wayne Harris on a double play, then he retired the heart of the order in the seventh. Willock ended the game with a deep drive to Burton in the fifth.

"Mike threw harder last night

(when he pitched three innings of hitless relief in a 14-7 win at Beloit).," said Burnett. "But

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## Optimists drop 3rd straight

Strikeouts, errors and men left on base continued to plague the Optimists as they dropped their third straight game Thursday at Varsity Field.

Waterloo beat Granite City 6-1 as pitcher Dan Wieber limited nine Optimists and Paul Kacera's team left nine men on base.

"We're taking too many pitches and getting behind in the count," said Kacera. "And we have less than 30 men on base in the last three games. We won't mind that way."

The Optimists are now 3-4 overall and 2-3 in league play.

Chris Wiehard was the losing pitcher, giving up eight runs (three earned) in three innings. He allowed five hits and was hurt by four errors. Darren

Huffman allowed only one run and one hit in four innings of relief. But Waterloo got one in the third, four in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Granite City scored its only run in the fourth on back-to-back doubles by Brian Harshany and Kevin Matlock. Matlock had four hits (one a triple, one a double and a triple), while Harshany had a single and a double. The Optimists outhit Waterloo 8-6.

The Optimists' game with Cahokia on Wednesday was rained out. It has not yet been rescheduled. Granite City hosts a double-header on Saturday and hosts Greenville on Monday at Varsity Field on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

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